

Comment Letter 7. Environmental Action Committee of West Marin. Catherine Caufield,
Executive Director.

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The Environmental Action Committee of West Marin

May 11, 2004

Superintendent Don Neubacher
Point Reyes National Seashore
Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

RE: Draft Fire Management Plan Environmental Impact Statement. Point Reyes
National Seashore and North District of Golden Gate National Recreation Area

Dear Superintendent Neubacher,

The Environmental Action Committee of West Marin is very impressed with the detail of your presentation in the Draft Fire Management Plan. Having reviewed the plan, we believe that the Preferred Alternative (Alternative C) is the best one.

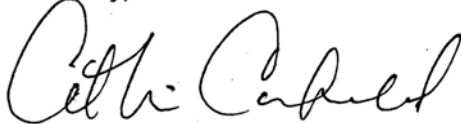
The Preferred Alternative works well with the community fire protection actions that EAC outlined in the 1996 Phoenix Report, and also with our other goals of protection and enhancement of biological diversity, containment of spread of invasive exotic plants and promoting practical research opportunities.

EAC also suggests that NPS coordinate with Tomales Bay State Park in its fire management planning efforts, as they are outlined in the Draft TBSP General Plan.

We hope that the National Park Service can continue to be a leader in the implementation of projects that reduce the threats to the environment that result from catastrophic wildfires. We are pleased to support Point Reyes National Seashore in its efforts to restore the ecological role of fire.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



Catherine Caufield
Executive Director

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Comment 7-1. Commenter expresses preference for the Preferred Alternative.

Response to Comment 7-1. Comment and preference noted.

Comment 7-2. Commenter recommends NPS coordinate fire management planning efforts with Tomales Bay State Park as outlined in the Draft TBSP General Plan.

Response to Comment 7-2. Comment noted. The NPS has cooperated with Tomales Bay State Park through the federal Wildland Urban Interface Program and will continue to work cooperatively with State Parks to reduce fire hazards in West Marin.

